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HERO

"A FEW DAYS AGO, MY GIRL **FIONA** GOT HERSELF ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE DESTRUCTIX. THEY WERE GOING TO BUST ME OUT OF ZONE JAIL...

"...EXCEPT I'VE BEEN ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN HERE. A GANG SHOWING UP TO RESCUE ME WOULD TICK OFF ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE...

"...SO... I WAS LESS THAN CHARITABLE TO THEIR OFFER.

"BUT FIONA'S RIGHT--IF I'M GOING TO BUST OUT, I NEED BACK-UP.

"YESTERDAY, I MANAGED TO GET SGT. SIMIAN AND PREDATOR HAWK TO SIGN ON. SO, TWO DOWN..."

WELCOME TO **ZONE JAIL**-- A PRISON TO HOLD THE BADDEST OF THE BAD ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS --WHERE THE SINISTER **SCOURGE**, THE ANTI-SONIC, MUST DEAL WITH DANGEROUS INMATES IN A DESPERATE BID FOR FREEDOM!

INSIDE JOB PART 3

SETTING THE STAGE

"...TWO TO GO."

QUIT YER FLAILING! DO YOU **WANT** TO HIT ME?

HORIZONT-AL YOUR GUESS...

JEFFREY ST. CROIX OLD GANG RIVAL

SCOURGE THE HEDGEHOG RISING GANG LEADER

N-N-NO S-S-SIR!

WE'LL TAKE OUR ABUSE MORE CONSIDERATELY!

VERTI-CAL ...IS AS GOOD AS OURS

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HEY, JEFF! YOU GET TIRED OF PICKING ON GUYS YOUR OWN SIZE?

OOF!

WHEEEEE!

DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK, "SNOT." JUST BECAUSE THE DESTRUCTIX CLAIMED YOU AS THEIR NEW PUNCHING BAG DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE UN-TOUCHABLE!

BIG TALK. YOU WERE A CHUMP ON MOEBIUS, YOU'RE A CHUMP IN HERE. YOU TWO ALL RIGHT?

YES! IN THE MOST RELATIVE SENSE.

DOES THIS MEAN ALL OUR FAWNING HAS ENDEARED US TO YOU?

LUCKILY, I LANDED ON MY HEAD!

NAH. IT'S NOT LIKE I ***NEEDED*** AN EXCUSE TO STOMP THE GUY...

YOU COULDN'T TAKE ME IN THE OLD DAYS...

...SO DON'T EVEN **TRY** TO STEP TO ME NOW!

GAK!

I'M ON THE REBOUND, BABY. EITHER STEP ASIDE, OR--

THOK!!

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ***OURS*** DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO FIGHT YOUR SUPERIORS, "SNOT."

=KOFF!= YES, PLEASE, KEEP HIM IN LINE.

OH, I'LL PUT HIM BACK IN HIS PLACE.

FIONA FOX
SCOURGE'S GIRLFRIEND (NO, REALLY!)

SORRY, BABE, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

HEY, I CAN TAKE IT.

OOF!

DON'T GET ***TOO*** INTO IT, THO'!

DON'T TIP OUR HAND YET. IF YOU MESS THIS UP, GANG OR NOT, WE'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF HERE.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. I'VE GOT IT.

GOOD. NOW SAY "UNCLE."

OH COME ON, FI...

OW! UNCLE! UNCLE, YOU CRAZY LOON!

FIRST YOU DITCH ME AT FREEDOM HQ*, AND NOW THIS. ARE YOU **TRYING** TO TICK ME OFF?

I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU THEN, BABE. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I'M HERE NOW AND KEEPING YOU ON TRACK!

*STH #195-196.

I MEAN, WOULD I HAVE COME THIS FAR AND DO ALL THIS IF I DIDN'T LOVE--

SAVE IT, FI. I'VE GOT HALF A GANG NOW...

"...AND HALF STILL TO RECRUIT."

EVERYONE, I'D LIKE YOU TO WELCOME LIGHTNING TO TODAY'S GROUP THERAPY SESSION.

YO! GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE?

OF COURSE! THE WARDEN WILL BE PLEASED YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO JOIN US.

I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPEN UP TO THE GROUP. LET US HELP YOU CONFRONT YOUR CHALLENGES AND ILLUMINATE YOUR PROBLEMS.

SURE! THAT SOUNDS **JUST** LIKE ME! BUT LIGHTNING HERE SHOULD GET FIRST DIBS, RIGHT?

OF COURSE, BUT ONLY IF HE FEELS COMFORTABLE.

DON'T SWEAT IT, FUZZY. WE'RE ALL HERE TO **HELP.**

I... I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO START...

LIGHTNING LYNX
DESTRUCTIX NINJA

TRY TO THINK BACK TO THE FIRST MOMENT YOU FELT THE NEED TO LASH OUT. WAS THERE A TIME WHERE YOU FELT SOMEONE BETRAYED OR WRONGED YOU?

OH YES.

"IN THE RAIJU CLAN, YOUR SKILL DICTATED YOUR WORTH AND RANK. I WAS THE ***BEST.***

"AND I WASN'T JUST THE FASTEST. I WAS THE QUICKEST FIST, THE KEENEST EYE, AND THE SHARPEST FORM.

"THERE WAS ONLY ONE I RESPECTED...

"...THE BRIDE OF OUR CLAN, CONQUERING STORM.

"I... I DIDN'T JUST RESPECT HER--I ***LOVED*** HER. BUT SHE WOULD ONLY ACCEPT SOME-ONE OF GREAT STRENGTH AT HER SIDE...

"...SO I CHALLENGED HER TO A DUEL TO PROVE MY STRENGTH. TO PROVE MY FEELINGS."

"IT WAS AN UTTER DISASTER. I SUFFERED THE ULTIMATE DISHONOR. I WAS... EXILED FROM MY CLAN."

"LATER, I WAS FOUND BY MAMMOTH MOGUL AND I SERVED HIM... UNTIL HE ABANDONED US. BUT EVENTUALLY, THE IRON QUEEN TOOK COMMAND OF THE FOUR HOUSES...

"...AND I WAS INVITED BACK AS A FOREIGN LIAISON. MY HONOR AND CLAN STATUS WERE RESTORED!

"I SERVED THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM DIRECTLY. I WAS CONTENT TO BE AT HER SIDE...

"...UNTIL I WAS DEFEATED AND DISHONORED AGAIN."*

*SEE SU ARC #4 "JOURNEY TO THE EAST"

I'VE JUST BEEN SO ANGRY ALL THIS TIME. I HAD ALL THIS SKILL, BUT SHE DIDN'T THINK I WAS WORTHY. AND SO...

!

DUDE, YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY! I MEAN, ***I'M*** ANGRY ***FOR*** YOU!

YOU WERE THEIR BEST AND THEY JUST KICKED YOU OUT! AND WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG? ***NOTHIN'!***

ENCOURAGEMENT IS GOOD, SCOURGE, BUT WE NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE...

I MEAN, HOW UNGRATEFUL CAN THAT LADY GET, RIGHT? SHE BREAKS YOUR HEART, KICKS YOU OUT, CALLS YOU BACK, KICKS YOU OUT AGAIN--AND FOR WHAT? BECAUSE YOU WERE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO HER?

EXACTLY MY POINT!

YOU GOT PLAYED!

EVERYONE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON YOU!

YOU DESERVE REVENGE!

YEAH!

YEAH!

YEAH!

YOU ALL DESERVE REVENGE!

YEAH!

NO! VENGEANCE MEANS NOTHING! EVERYONE NEEDS TO CALM DOWN!

DUDE, SHE'LL BE ONE MORE NAME ON MY LIST.

IF I GET YOU OUT, WILL YOU HELP ME?

THERE GOES MONTHS OF PROGRESS. GET THESE IDIOTS BACK TO THEIR CELLS!

HA HA HA! THAT WAS PRICELESS!

I NEED TO TALK ABOUT MY FEELINGS MORE OFTEN. IT GETS MORE PEOPLE HURT THAT WAY!

HEE HEE HEE!

HEE HEE HEE!

WHA--?!

Uh... HEY, FLYING. DIDN'T...DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE. Um... 'SUP?

HEE-HEE-MEEEEEE?

HEE HEE HEE...

FLYING FROG JUST PLAIN CREEPY

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE OTHERS-BROTHERS-SMOTHERS. BUT NOT TO ME-HEE-HEE!

YOU WERE NEXT ON MY LIST!

REALLY? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AVOIDING ME-HEE-HEE?

NAH, MAN!

REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE ALL WORKING FOR DOC FINITEVUS?* I DO! GOOD TIMES, MAN, GOOD TIMES!

*STH #180-184.

I MEAN, WE GREEN BROS GOTTA STICK TOGETHER, RIGHT?

OH, YES! IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN!

BUT I WONDER-SUNDER-PLUNDER IF YOU **REALLY** WANT ME AROUND? YOU SEE...

I'VE DONE... **THINGS.**

YEAH, WELL, NO ONE HERE IS AN ANGEL...

NO!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCOURGE-DIRGE-PURGE Z! DON'T YOU WANT TO PLAY Z!

I'VE SEEN YOU PLAY WITH SONIC! I'VE HEARD HOW YOU PLAYED WITH MOEBIUS! ***I WANT TO PLAY TOO!***

"THE DESTRUCTIX PLAY THE GAMES I LIKE TO PLAY! NOT LIKE THE RUN-SCREAM-CRY MERCIANS!

"A LITTLE PAIN-STAIN-INGRAIN NEVER HURT ANY-ONE! NOT ME! ANYWAY! SO MANY SHOUTING-POUTING-CLOUTING...

"THEY TRIED TO LOCK ME AWAY-STAY-DAY, BUT I GOT OUT! THEN MORE WOULD FIND MY MESS-EXCESS-SUCCESS!

"SO MORE CHASE-DEFACE-ERASE, AND I PLAY WITH THEM NEXT! AND THEN NEXT! AND THEN NEXT! AND THEN THE NEXT--!"

KNOCK IT OFF!!

I'M RUNNING THE DESTRUCTIX NOW, SO YOU FOLLOW ME!

OH. OKAY.

SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

EESH! THE GUY MAKES ROSY LOOK CUDDLY!*

*ROSY THE RASCAL, STH #193-194.

MAIN CELL BLOCK.

LATER THAT NIGHT...

WOULD YOU SETTLE DOWN? I NEEDS MY BEAUTY SLEEP.

NO CAN DO, ABBY. BESIDES, YOU'LL WANT TO BE UP FOR THIS.

WHAT THE--?! YOU'RE BUSTIN' OUT?!

THAT'S THE PLAN. KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND MAYBE YOU CAN SLIP OUT IN THE MEANTIME.

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, KID. BUT HOW DID YOUR BOYS...?

ONE'S A NINJA AND THE OTHER'S A FREAK.

I HID THE GUARDS WE TOOK OUT. BE CAREFUL--THE HALLWAYS DON'T HAVE THE CORRECTED GRAVITY LIKE THE YARD OR CELLS DO.

Jellystars

"PHASE ONE--I SLIP OUT WITH FLYING AND LIGHTNING AND SNEAK OUT TO THE CONTROL ROOM."

HEY... DID YOU SEE THAT?

NO. WHAT WAS IT?

I DON'T KNOW. IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE...

"PHASE TWO--WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL ROOM."

AHHH!

KRAK!

Boop!

"PHASE THREE--WE UNLOCK ALL THE CELLS AND NORMALIZE THE GRAVITY TO CREATE SOME PANDEMONIUM..."

JAIL BREAK!!

CLINK

"PHASE FOUR--WE ONLY TURN OFF THE COLLARS OF OUR GANG SO WE CAN TAKE OUT ANYONE IN OUR WAY."

HUH...?

AND PHASE FIVE...

HEY, SNOT! THE DOOR'S OPEN! IF YOU CARRY ME, MAYBE I'LL HELP YOU GET OUTTA HERE! WHADDYA SAY?

I SAY...

SLAM

... I HELP MYSELF TO A HEAPIN' HELPING OF *PAYBACK!* **ALL HAIL THE KING, BABY!**

LOOK OUT! SCOURGE IS BACK! BUT BETWEEN RIOTING INMATES AND THE PRISON GUARDS, DO HE AND HIS NEW GANG STAND A CHANCE AT ESCAPE? DON'T MISS THE STARTLING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME, AND CHECK OUT THE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY FOR MORE, SONIC-EY GOODNESS!

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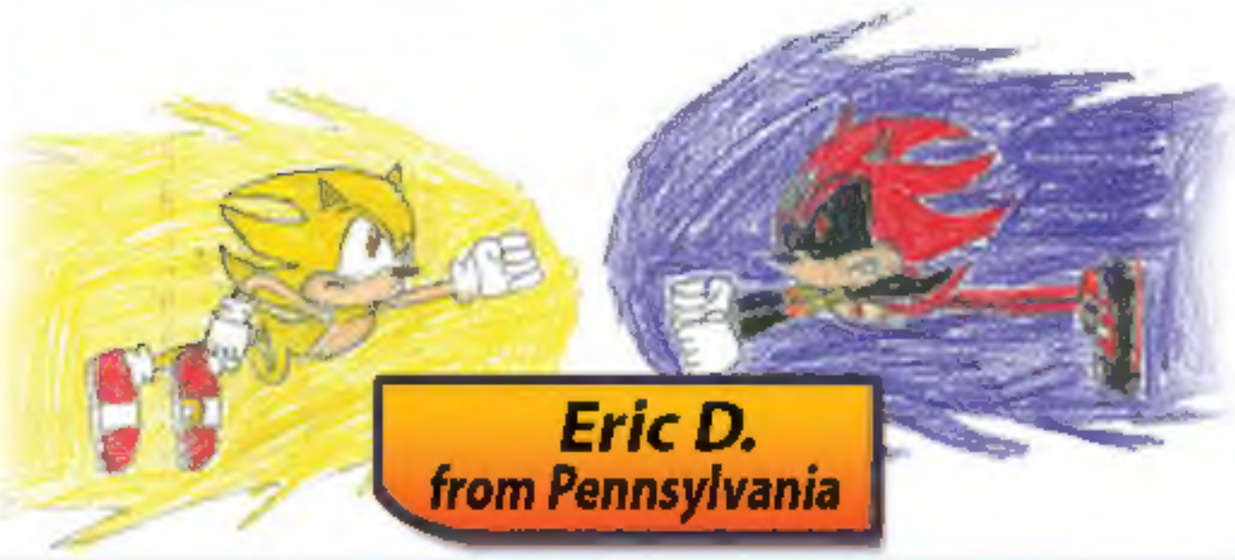
Monzy
from California

I wonder how many Mobians they have locked away in this joint?
Mauricio! Why don't you ever call me?!
WOW?!? I want another cell!
And that's how Scourge wound up being Sonic the Cat's cellmate

Dooter from New York



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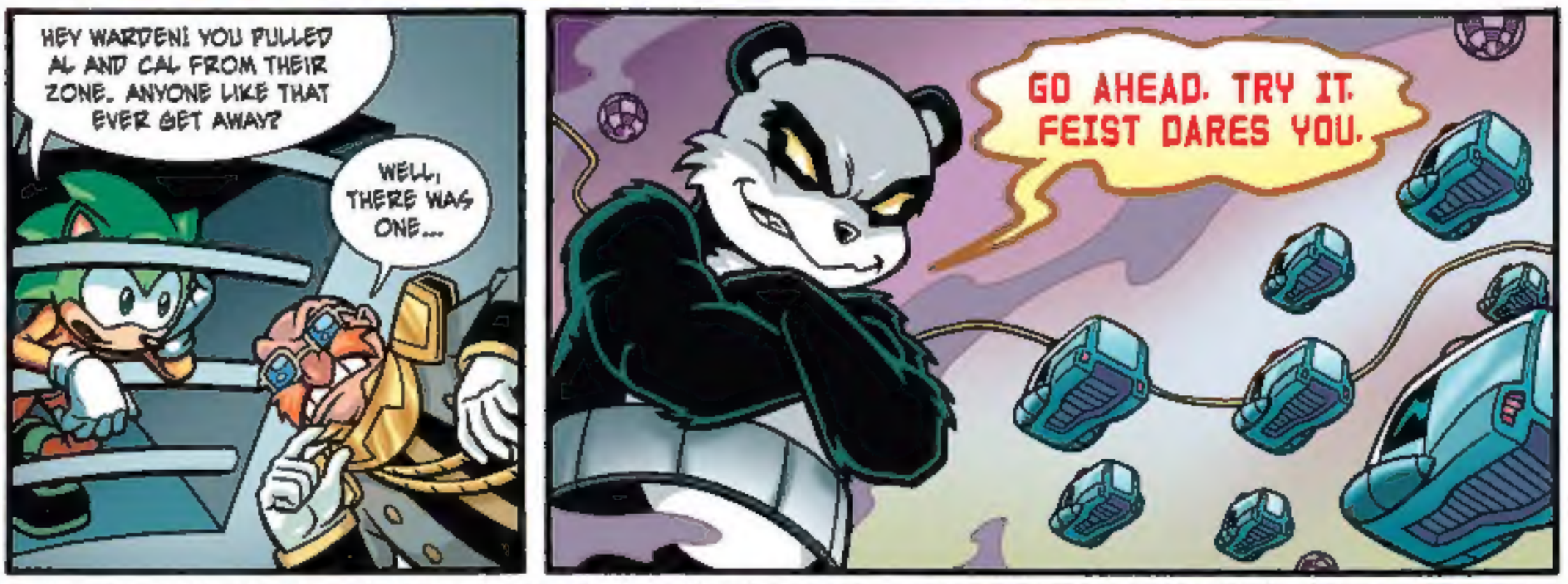
HEY WARDEN! YOU PULLED AL AND CAL FROM THEIR ZONE. ANYONE LIKE THAT EVER GET AWAY?
WELL, THERE WAS ONE...
GO AHEAD. TRY IT. FEIST DARES YOU.

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